

Ariano, 1140, the King, ^{erne} might say, ^{"decreed}
 a Constitution," and imposed a royal
 coinage
 upon South Italy. Nor was this all
 Letter ^{still,}
 the holders of all grants in Sicily or
 Calabria ^{were}
 ordered to appear at Palermo or
 Medina ^{during}
 the autumn of 1144 or the spring of
 1145, ^{and} ^{lo}
 have their deeds renewed and copies
 deposited
 in the Curia; though only applying lo
 the* ^{King's}
 own patrimony, it was a significant act
 of ^{sov-}
 ereignty. The result of it all appears in
 the ^{titles}
 henceforth used by the great
 feudatories ^{of} the
 kingdom; the proudest barons of Apulia
 who ^{had}
 claimed to be "no man's man" in the
 troublous
 times after Gulaeartl, and had long
 refused ^{to} ^{bow}
 the knee to Roger, after 1140 style
 themselves
 "Count, by the Grace of the King,*¹

The famous "A&Btses" of Roger
 promulgated
 at Ariano do not indeed contain the
 whole ^{of} the
 Constitution which the King
 bequeathed ^{to} his
 successors; it was not yet the ago of
 brand-now
 "Codes.*¹ Yet they contain much that
 Is ^{most}
 characteristic of that Constitution,
 they ^{strike} the
 keynote of the royal policy. Two
 versions ^{exist}
 of the Assists, one containing forty-
 four, ^{the} ^{other}
 thirty-nine, enactments, * They art*
 hosed upon,

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